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## **WITH KENTUCKY DERBY AND OAKS IN THE BOOKS, CHURCHILL DOWNS RACETRACK'S SPRING MEET RESUMES WITH TWILIGHT THURSDAY, MANDATORY SINGLE 6 PAYOUT**

### **Festive Celebration of 'Family Adventure Days Presented by Kroger' Returns on Sunday, May 15**

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Wednesday, May 11, 2016)** – With the heroics of Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (Grade I) winner **Nyquist** and Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI) victor **Cathryn Sophia** fresh in the memories and hearts of fans, Churchill Downs Racetrack resumes its Spring Meet on **Thursday, May 12** with a possibly significant mandatory payout in the track's **20-cent minimum Single 6 Jackpot** along with the meet's first **"Twilight Thursday"** celebration that feature \$1 beers, live music and offerings from the region's finest food trucks.

**Post time for the first of eight live races Thursday is 5 p.m.** (all times EDT), with Twilight Thursday programs scheduled during each week of the Spring Meet, which continues through Saturday, July 2. Admission gates will open at 4 p.m.

The 2016 meet will operate on a schedule of four-day, Thursday-through-Sunday racing weeks with the exception of a five-day Memorial Day Weekend schedule that runs from Thursday, May 26 through the holiday on Monday, May 30.

Aside from Twilight Thursday programs, post time for the remaining racing days of the 2016 Spring Meet will be 12:45 p.m. with exceptions for two remaining **Downs After Dark Presented by Stella Artois** and **El Jimador** programs set for **Saturday, June 18**, which is topped by the running of the **\$500,000 Stephen Foster Handicap** (GI), and the meet's **Closing Night** on **Saturday, July 2**.

A carryover pool of **\$686,309** from Churchill Downs' \$2 Pick 6 on Kentucky Derby Day will be split when racing returns Thursday. Half of the pool - **\$343,154** - will be included in Thursday's first **20-cent minimum Single 6 Jackpot**. Thursday's Single 6 Jackpot pool **requires a mandatory payout, regardless of whether an on-track or simulcast patron selects winners of all six Churchill Downs races included in the wager.**

The remaining \$343,154 from the Derby Day carryover goes into the **Friday, May 13** opening pool of the meet-long Single 6 Jackpot. Single 6 Jackpot rules require that the pool **be paid-out only if there is a single winning ticket-holder. If multiple tickets contain six winners, 90 percent of that day's pool will be paid out and 10 percent will be added to the wager's carryover.** If there are no tickets with six winners, the entire pool is added to the carryover; there are no consolation payouts. Takeout on the 20-cent-minimum Single 6 Jackpot is **15 percent**, one of the lowest multi-race wager takeout rates in American racing.

The resumption of the popular "Twilight Thursday" party on the first live racing program after the Kentucky Derby will feature live music on The Plaza by **Frankie Moody** along with \$1 beers and the inventive and delightful offerings of the city's most popular food trucks. This week's food trucks include **¡Holy Molé!**, **Longshot Lobsta**, **Mark's Feed Store**, **Red Top Gourmet Hot Dogs** and **Zoom Zoom Yum**. Live music will begin with the 4 p.m. opening of the Churchill Downs admission gates.

General admission for Twilight Thursdays and most racing days at Churchill Downs is \$3, and free parking is available in the Longfield Lot. Post-Kentucky Derby racing continues Friday, May 13 through Sunday, May 15 with a daily post-time at 12:45 p.m.

Sunday's scheduled is topped by the Spring Meet's first **Family Adventure Day Presented by Kroger**. The roster of festive of racing and family activities includes pony rides, inflatables, a petting zoo, stick-horse races in the Paddock, face-painting and more.

Family Adventure Day tickets, which include **unlimited access to all kid-friendly activities**, are just **\$8 when purchased online and in advance** at [www.ChurchillDowns.com/Tickets](http://www.ChurchillDowns.com/Tickets). Also available for online purchase is the **Family Four Pack**, which includes four family Adventure Day tickets, four family meals in the Family Adventure Day area and two racing programs. Purchase your Family Four Pack online for \$44 by pressing "Get Tickets" and clicking on "General Admission."

Family Adventure Day Presented by Kroger activities will benefit **Kosair Children's Hospital** as **\$1 each from each ticket will be donated** to the work of the Louisville institution that is Kentucky's only free-standing, full-service pediatric care facility dedicated exclusively to caring for children. Information is available at [www.KosairChildrensHospital.com](http://www.KosairChildrensHospital.com).

Churchill Downs, the world's most legendary racetrack, has conducted Thoroughbred racing and presented America's greatest race, the Kentucky Derby, continuously since 1875. Located in Louisville, the flagship racetrack of Churchill Downs Incorporated (NASDAQ: CHDN) offers year-round simulcast wagering at the historic track. Churchill Downs will conduct the 143<sup>rd</sup> running of the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands on May 6, 2017. The track's 2016 Spring Meet will continue through July 2. Churchill Downs has hosted the Breeders' Cup World Championships eight times and the event will return to the track in 2018. Information is available at [www.ChurchillDowns.com](http://www.ChurchillDowns.com).

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